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SUBJECT: OECD/XCSS MARCH 18-19 MEETING

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1. AMBASSADOR JOLLES, XCSS CHAIRMAN, CALLED ECONOMIC COUNSELOR MARCH 4 TO ASK IF EMBASSY HAD ANY WASHINGTON REACTION TO QUESTIONS HE HAD RAISED FEBRUARY 22 (REFTEL

A). AFTER EMBOFF RESPONDED IN NEGATIVE, JOLLES SAID THAT HE IS VERY CONCERNED RE MARCH 18-19 MEETING IN ABSENCE OF SUFFICIENT PREPARATION IN CAPITALS. JOLLES SAID THAT HE WAS TODAY ASKING SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP TO CONSULT URGENTLY WITH PERMANENT DELEGATIONS TO DETERMINE IF IT WAS WORTHWHILE FOR XCSS SIXTH SESSION TO BE HELD MARCH 18-19 OR WHETHER NEW AND

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LATER DATES SHOULD BE SOUGHT.

2. JOLLES NOTED THAT PROPOSED MARCH 18-19 DATES COINCIDE CLOSELY WITH MARCH 13-14 BRUSSELS MEETING OF ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP. IN ADDITION, SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN SLOW IN ISSUING DOCUMENTS FOR MEETING. DESPITE THESE FACTORS, JOLLES THOUGHT THAT IF AUTHORITIES IN CAPITALS CLEARLY DESIRE HOLD TO MARCH 18-19 SCHEDULE, MEETING MIGHT BE USEFUL AT THIS STAGE OF EVOLVING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS. BUT HE FELT IT ESSENTIAL TO CONFIRM THIS BEFORE GOING AHEAD WITH FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR MARCH 18-19 MEETING.

3. JOLLES SAID HE HAD AS OF MARCH 4 RECEIVED TWO PAPERS, BUT NOTHING ON MOST IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEM (GENERAL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION INCLUDING POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF OIL SITUATION). HE CHARACTERIZED PAPER ON CAPITAL MOVEMENTS AS "NON-PAPER" WHILE HE THOUGHT DOCUMENT ON COMMODITIES WAS INTERESTING AND HELPFUL.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH JOLLES.

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